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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

**LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY OFFICE**

March 1, 2015

Missoula County
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Missoula, MT 59802
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

The above-named Missoula County is certifying a Finding of No Significant Impact for the following project: Human Resources Council Missoula County Home Rehabilitation Project. Missoula County, in partnership with District XI Human Resource Council, Inc. (HRC) proposes to expand HRC's home rehabilitation loan program to serve very low-, low-, and moderate-income homeowners in the unincorporated areas of Missoula County. The partners seek \$212,000 in funding from Montana's Department of Commerce. The program focuses on health- and safety-related needs, structural integrity items, energy conservation items, handicapped accessibility modifications, and overcrowding. The intent of the program is to provide comprehensive rehabilitation services, addressing all conditions necessary to assure that the housing is safe, decent and sanitary; that its structural integrity is preserved; and that further deterioration is prevented.

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that the project, as described above, will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the above-named Missoula County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such statement are as follows: (1) the project improves existing structures without any change in use; (2) consideration based on consultation with relevant authorities indicates no negative impact on flora, fauna, water quality, air quality, historic resources, or other aspects of the human environment; (3) additional limited, site-specific review will be conducted for each funded rehabilitation.

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the above-named Missoula County. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the Department of Grants and Community Programs, 223 West Alder, Missoula, Montana, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. or by appointment.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of project funds. The project may be funded with Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 and/or the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The above-named Missoula County will notify the public at a later date when it intends to request release of the aforementioned funds.

Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by Missoula County to: HRC Rehab Review; Missoula Dept. of Grants and Community Programs; Missoula County; 200 West Broadway; Missoula, MT 59802. Public comments must be received by March 16, 2015, at 5 p.m.

After the notification of the intent to request release of funds process is complete, Missoula County intends to undertake the project described above. Missoula County is certifying to the Montana Department of Commerce that John Adams in his official capacity as Grants Administrator consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.

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